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SUBJECT: LISTING OF TWO ADDITIONAL SEA TURTLES ON U.S.
LIST OF ENDANGERED FOREIGN FISH AND WILDLIFE

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1. GERMANS APPARENTLY BELIEVED U.S. WAS PROPOSING TO
PLACE THE TWO ADDITIONAL SEA TURTLES ON THE APPENDICES OF
THE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONVENTION. ADDITIONS OR ANY
CHANGES TO APPENDICES COULD NOT RPT NOT, OF COURSE, BE MADE
UNTIL CONVENTION ENTERS INTO FORCE AND THEN ONLY BY METHOD
PRESCRIBED IN ARTICLE XV OF CONVENTION WHICH INCLUDES
APPROVAL CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES.

AS MATTER OF FACT, ONE OF TWO SPECIES OF THE TWO SEA
TURTLES, THE GREEN SEA-TURTLE (CHELONIA MYDAS) IS ALREADY
LISTED ON APPENDIX II OF THE CONVENTION.

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2. PROPOSED ADDITION OF SEA TURTLES IS TO U.S. LIST OF

ENDANGERED SPECIES, WHICH IS COMPILED BY DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR FOR ADMINISTERING U.S. ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973. SUCH ACTION COULD NOT RPT NOT BE IN CONFLICT WITH CONVENTION SINCE LATTER HAS NOT RPT NOT ENTERED INTO FORCE. HOWEVER, EVEN IF IT WERE IN FORCE, THE ADDITION OF A SPECIES NOT RPT NOT LISTED IN THE CONVENTION'S APPENDICES (I.E. LOGGERHEAD SEA TURTLE), WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE IN CONFLICT. ARTICLE XIV 1.(B) OF THE CONVENTION SPECIFICALLY ALLOWS THE PARTIES TO ADOPT QUOTE DOMESTIC MEASURES RESTRICTING OR PROHIBITING TRADE, TAKING POSSESSION OR TRANSPORT OF SPECIES NOT RPT NOT INCLUDED IN APPENDICES I, II OR III. END QUOTE. THAT ARTICLE ALSO PERMITS STRICTER DOMESTIC MEASURES WITH REGARD TO SPECIES LISTED IN THE APPENDICES.

3. EMBASSY AT ITS DISCRETION SHOULD CONVEY THIS INFORMATION TO FRG. RUSH

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